

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

It is believed that the objections to the claims have been overcome by the amendments thereto.

Copies of the foreign references cited in the IDS of May 18, 2006 are submitted herewith. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record.

Claims 16-19 and 23-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Anderson. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claim 16 now recites that if the inorganic metal phosphate is $\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2\text{CA}(\text{OH})_2$, it contains a water of crystallization. Thus, the claim is not anticipated by Anderson. Thus, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 16-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over the combination of Walsh ('074) in view of Aramaki ('826). Claims 25-28 were rejected over the aforementioned combination further in view of Hund ('465). Claims 29-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over the combination of '074 and '826 further in view of Pengilly ('004). Applicants respectfully traverse each of these rejections.

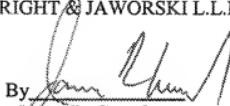
'826 teaches the formula cited by the Examiner at page 6 of the office action. According to '826, however, HPO_4 group must be present. Thus, this is a different compound than that recited in claim 16. In view of the foregoing, this rejection must be withdrawn.

In view of the above, allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0624, under Order No. NY-DNAG-322-US.

Respectfully submitted

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